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In re Patent Application of:  
Tsutomu Motohashi

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For: INFORMATION RECORDING  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS, PROGRAM,  
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING  
MEDIUM, AND DEFECT FIELD  
MANAGEMENT METHOD

Examiner: L. T. Nguyen

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.